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LABYRINTH of VENUS.

- I. Exhibiting the true History of the Distemper, its Original, Cause, Symptoms, and different Degrees of them.
- II. Proposing a most valuable, and by several hundred Cures approved, Specifick, by the Means of which the Unfortunate may infallibly cure themselves by the Directions fix'd to the Remedy, of the first and second Stages, and, with the Assistance of the Author, also of the third.

This little Tract is so far from being design'd to amuse the Ignorant, and to draw them in, that it is rather too plain to allure People; the only Intention being the publick Good.

*This Seal agrees with that
fix'd on the Specifick.*

Miserum veta perire. Senec. Trag.

L O N D O N :

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Kind READER.

Nothing keeps a Man so much out of the reach of Envy and Malice, as a competent Share of Ignorance and Stupidity: The first protects him in that he is not capable of excelling others, the latter in that he has no Sensibility or Inclination to do anything to distinguish himself from the rest of Mankind. On the contrary, no body is more attack'd by the mordacious Tongues of Slanderers, than he that endeavours to use the Gift Nature has bestowed upon him for the Good of his Fellow Creatures. From hence we see plainly the corrupted State of Men, who for the most part are so far from having at Heart the common Advantage and Benefit of Mankind, that they rather do all that lies in their Power to obstruct it, in order to promote their private Interest at the Expence of the Welfare of their Neighbour. For my part, I have largely experienc'd the Truth of it, tho' not so well to my Loss as to the Shame of my Enemies. The assiduous Application with which I have always pursued my Scope, which is Physick; having hitherto been answer'd by a Blessing from above, in the most desired Success of my Undertakings, has thus nettled the envious Beholders of the Empirical Tribe, who fearing me to be an Instrument, that in time would make them lose the Opportunity of getting Estates by the Ruine of hundreds of People, did unanimously conspire to asperse my Reputation, and if possible quite to ruine me: But seeing they could bring nothing upon me touching my Practice, they were forc'd at last to the poor Shift of reflecting with a thousand Lies on my Person,



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son, which they did in so manifest and notorious a manner, that instead of doing me an Injury they brought the greater upon themselves, in betraying their malicious Inclinations to the World. Wherefore I do not think it worth my while to answer their idle Stories. For, quid si me alinus calcitret? People that have neither Honour nor Honesty themselves, cannot possibly bereave others of them. I will only lay this to my Reader's Consideration, in vindicating the Sincerity of my Conduct; Who did ever of all those, that have made a Noise about Town, invite every body to see the unfortunate State of those that were intrusted under their Directions, before they took the Cure in Hand? which I have done at all Opportunities. I find very often Advertisements in the Papers of such and such wonderful Cures performed, but who saw the Person when sick? and who knows not that Bribes go a great way towards having one's Name cry'd up. All the Ambition I have, is to build my Reputation upon Facts, and not upon the empty Sounds of Words, leaving them to your Tower-Hill Orators, and your Spittlefield Piss-Prophets.

Accept of this my little Tract, which is calculated for thy Good; if thou think fit to apply to me, thy Expectation shall be answer'd. If thou disapprovest my Sentiments, or callest my Sincerity in Question, look for something better, and take Care lest thou meetest with worse Farewel.

C H A P. I.

Of the Cause, Nature, and different Stages of the Disease.

TO avoid Prolixity, I will not enter into a Detail of the Controversies among Authors, concerning the Age and initial Climate of the Distemper, neither will I write down a Catalogue of the different Names of it, it being very little to the purpose; every body knows it by the Name of the Secret Disease. It owes its Original to a contagious Corruption, which may be occasion'd divers ways; most commonly it is propagated by an irregular use of Venery; how, we shall tell by and by. Farther, it may be transferr'd to innocent Persons by closely lying in the same Bed with one that is infected, a lascivious Kiss of one that has an exulcerated Throat, may be fatal to a sound Person, a poor Child may be ruin'd by a pockify'd Nurse, and a clean Nurse may be undone by a distemper'd Babe, and the Child may have inherited it of its infected Mother. This contagious Corruption, no doubt, takes its birth from a violent Fermentation, and this derives its beginning from impure Coition. To make this out, let us see what a Fermentation is:

A Fermentation is a Rarefaction, produced by Heat and Air penetrating into the Pores of mix'd Bodies, breaking the Texture of 'em, by raising their essential Salt, and bringing the oleous and sulphureous Particles into Motion, by which they, being naturally globular and smooth, become rugged, pointed, shatter'd and splinter'd. This Definition is applicable to all manner of Bodies, which the more perfect and refin'd they are, the greater and more violent the Ferment is also; the strongest Beer and the most generous Wine are turn'd into the sharpest Vinegar, &c.

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To draw an Inference from hence to the Venereal Corruption, we must, as it actually is, make a Woman the first Receptacle of this filthy Matter.

By a Woman, we mean here such a one as prostitutes her Body to every one that cares to purchase the Use of it: this Creature, by such an Irregularity, receives the Seeds of different Men into her Parts; there they lie, are fomented and brought into a Fermentation, which Fermentation produces a so much the more poisonous Corruption, as the Seed is the very Quintessence of Men. Thus the Seeds are become a sharp corrosive Filth, which attacks your Womans Parts, corrodes them, and not only them, but also all the others of her Body if not prevented by proper Remedies. This Corruption is likewise contagious; for if a Man has Communication with such a Woman, he will run the Risk of being infected; he again will infect others, and so forth.

We have seen now what the Distemper is in general; namely, A contagious Corruption; let us now take a more particular View of it, and consider its three Stages.

1st Stage. **T**HE aforementioned corrupted Matter in the Woman, either by success of Time, or else by a reiterated Venereal Act being more rubb'd in her Parts, inflames them, and entering the Pores, by degrees corrodes, frets, corrupts and exulcerates them, so as to cause a Rawness, Itching, Heat, Redness, Inflammation and Suppuration of superficial little Pustles, Wheals or Ulcers. Hence proceeds that intolerable Pain, call'd Heat of Urine, not that it's then hotter in it self than at other times, but because the Passage is so very sore and fretted, from the searching acid and saline Nature of the Urine, as will any sore raw Place if you pour any Urine upon it.

This Rawness, when come to a Suppuration, causes a putrid Matter to run forth, which upon squeezing the Parts appears like clammy Drops, and is call'd a liminary Clap, because that it most commonly is in the Urethra of the Man, and Sheath of the Woman. If any of this purulent Matter happens, while warm, to be toss'd on any outward part of the Skin, it creates a little Ulcer call'd a Shanker; both which may be cur'd, as local Injuries, mostly by external Application, and Conformity to good Advice. And thus far goes the first Stage.

2^d Stage. **A**S a small Quantity of Leaven sours the whole Mass of Dough; so the Venereal Ferment, tho' small in Quantity at first, yet in time converts all the Fluids in the Body into its own Nature. From hence proceed the swelling of the Testicles, Contraction of the Bridle of the Yard, Inflammation and swelling of the Glans, Tumors in the Groin call'd Bubo's, Pimples, Pustles, and small Exulcerations all over the Surface of the Skin, accompanied with wandering, gnawing, and racking Pains. So far goes the second Stage.

3^d Stage. **A**LL the Fluids of the Body being turn'd into a virulent Ferment, which appears by what has been said in the second Stage, they soon work upon the Solids, attacking first the most tender Parts, such as the Mouth, Nose, Throat, &c. thence the Extremities, first corroding the Skin, then the Flesh and Membranes, farther touching the *periostium*, and lastly exfoliating the Bones, which is the worst Condition of all.

C H A P. II.

A more full Relation of the Symptoms preceeding and succeeding a Clap.

BY this Chapter it is intended, that even the unknowing and illiterate shall be instructed in the first

Signs and Appearances, whereby this nauseous and filthy Malady first shews it self in the Bodies of Mankind.

When therefore the Disease attempts the Constitution, the Infection commonly discovers it self externally, by inflammatory ruddy Heats of the Privities, (which are the Subject of its Symptoms;) or a burning at the End, or sharp pricklings and shootings in the Urinary Passage, according as the morbidick acid Venom has more or less touch'd and invaded them.

It comes in others only with a running of corrupt Matter, free from Swelling, Redness, Pain, or Urinary Heat.

In some, after a gentle Running, frequently one or both the Testicles are swell'd, and enrag'd with Pain, encreasing as the Running is obstructed; for the Venereal Venom which evacuates, hastens thither, causing cold Tremblings, Qualms and Faintings, &c. but as these abate, so commonly the Running multiplies, and comes away more freely.

Generally the Person seiz'd with the Disease, is first affected with excessive Grief in the Privities, and a kind of rowling of the Testicles, with afflicting Tumors in the Groins, and Pains in the Shoulders, Reins, &c. But,

In some, it commences only from a Spot, like a Flea-bite, or the Meazles, upon some part of the Glans, which, presently after, rises in a little transparent Blister, by and by breaks through and issues a violent corrosive Liquor, which eats, if not prevented, very deep Holes into the Glans.

In some, it appears only with a Heat of Urine, and reiterated Motions to make Water, with hesitating Dribblings of hot pungent Urine; sometimes

whitish, with small attendant slimy Strings or Corruption.

In others, 'tis attended with Weakness, Infirmitie and Soreness, about the Joynts and Limbs, &c.

In some, where it proves very mild and gentle, at first a little congested Matter usually comes away, by slow Gradations, especially when the Part is squeez'd, which frequently is so gummy, as if clos'd up with it, and the Linen is also stain'd of a yellowish or greenish Hue.

In others, a thickish Humour will proceed from the Glans and Prepuce, making little Wheals and Ulcers; but when the Infection is more virulent and rigid, the Colour of it is green, and mix'd with a waterish Gleet, seeming to be bloody.

Most of the previous Signs of Infection have here been noted, as they happen and occur to both Sexes; but it must be remembred, that these Symptoms alter in every distinct Body; for the Constitution of People being so very variable, the Nature and Symptoms of this Disease must needs be very different. Sooner or later it displays it self, as the Companion of the infected Person is more or less deprav'd and vitiated with it; and also according to the State and Disposition of the Body of the infected; one is visited with this Symptom, another with that, and so they are all at one time or other alternately introductive to the Disease.

Therefore the very Purpose of describing so particularly the Signs and Symptoms of Infection, is to inform the Patient whether he is touch'd with it, and probably how far he may be infected; so that he may provide the welcome Remedy (as the *Italian* says) in *Buona Luna*, that is, the lucky Hour, before the Malignity has gain'd upon the Constitution, and is at the full Height of a tormenting and
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inveterate Pox; for when once the Body is in that pickle, we need not much enquire after Phænomena's and Symptoms, the Case then is too plain; and may term that dilatory Person next kin to a Madman, to harbour favourable Thoughts of so formidable an Enemy.

CHAP. III.

Of the Cure in general and particular.

WE have hitherto seen what is the first Occasion of this Distemper, viz. Impure Copulation; we have look'd into the Cause of it, which is a contagious Corruption, produc'd by a violent Fermentation of Seeds of different Nature; we have shewed how it is not only propagated by the Venereal Act it self, but also divers other ways; we have given an historical Account of the Progress of it, and by that we have made it appear to attack both the Fluids and Solids: Our Cure ought therefore to be regulated according to the different Circumstances of the Patient; we ought well to weigh, whether some of the solid Parts are only tainted, or whether the Fluids are only vitiated, or whether both are the Objects that suffer. But in general, as this contagious Corruption is of an acid and corrosive Nature, by which the Texture of the Blood is broke, and the oily and mucilaginous Parts are dispers'd and robb'd of their perfect Mixture. It follows then, that the only complete Method of Cure must be in using such penetrating, attractive, alcalious Medicaments, comprehending such sulphureous, oleaginous, volatile and smooth Particles, as are capable even in the worst Case to alter the ill Qualities, and discharge the peccant Humours; first, by finding them out and uniting with them, thereby dulling and obtunding the harsh, rigid Points of the vicious Ferment, and then entirely rooting it out of the Body; and at length, to heal and confirm the Parts injur'd and debilitated

bilitated; for Physick deficient in those Qualities, can never merit the Title of a Remedy.

Such Antivenereal Remedies, as are most of all, with respect to the different Cases, endow'd with the preceding Virtues, are those which the Author offers to the Publick; yet with this Proviso, that they must be manag'd, and have their Alterations according to the various Circumstances and Incidents of this Disease. There must be Addition, Diminution and Omission in their proper Turns. Every alternate Case must have changeable Directions, as every one will find sealed up with the Remedy.

If we regard the Distemper in particular, according to its three different Stages, we find that the first is chiefly an external Depravation or Infection, and the Cure may be effected by external Means; but then such outward Applications must possess Qualities so directly contrary to the Venereal Malady, as by their softning and rotund Particles, to blunt and suppress the harsh acid Points of the infectious Venom, and such penetrating Abstersives, as may dislocate and dilate 'em from the corrupt Part, before too deeply rooted. And thirdly, Such healing and balsamick ones, as remedy the Soreness, Urinary Heat, Pain and Inflammation; and this may be compleatly done by a balsamick purifying Wash, and such a one the Author has prepar'd and seal'd up with his Specifick, which he recommends to all Persons in this initial Degree of Infection; directing that the Wash be us'd immediately after the Injury be receiv'd, before the subtle Venom searches and insills it self any farther; but to be more safe in the Cure, the Author advises preservatorily to take one or two Doses of his Specifick, to eradicate any lurking Humour which the Water may not reach. Perhaps 'twill be objected, That in so slight a touch of the Infection, the external Water may alone suf-

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fice; but 'tis reply'd, That it cannot be thought reasonable to depend on this; tho' now and then by Nature's Kindness, it may indeed so happen: The Reason is, because the Blood circulating thro' the Parts which are damnified, some of the little contagious Particles may, with more ease than we conceive, be convey'd into the Blood, which are of such an infectious Disposition, that they strangely insinuate and intrude into the Juice of the Solids.

Likewise this Method will cure old running Gleets, &c. or Runnings and Weaknesses in either Sex, which are sometimes occasion'd by many innocent Accidents, as over-straining, lifting, jumping, riding, &c.

The second Degree is too sturdy and obstinate for the preceding Management; for the Malignity is now in a greater Progress. The Seminal Vessels are weakned for want of proper Nourishment, the Fibres are relaxed, and their natural Tone is lost and gone; therefore the Nature of the Remedies to be now used, must have such heterogeneous Particles, as are exactly oppos'd to those of the volatile acrid Ferment, and such gentle Purgative, (notwithstanding it closely pursues its Enemy in the inmost Parts) as to correct, conquer and eject the corrosive gross Venereal Humours, and by their attractive balsamick Quality to close and heal up the Sores, carrying away the Running and the Cordee; and renovating the distressed Parts to their pristine Vivacity and Tone: But there must be due regard to the Purges; for 'tis not here meant, that the common Purgatives will suffice; no, it must be such as are electively prepar'd, and fit to act upon this Degree of Malignity: And also such a Medium must be observ'd in Purging, as will agree with the Constitution and Circumstances of the Patient, and corroborating Remedies apply'd, in order that the decaying Parts be reliev'd and strengthened. In

In the third Degree the Disease is said to be in earnest, and is arrived to its full Virulency and Rancour; all the Fluids are quite alter'd and converted, and have already consum'd good part of the Solids. Thence such Restoratives are requisite, as by their sulphureous and alcalious Particles enter the Blood and Juices, and powerfully cleanse, and totally root out and destroy the acrimonious Ferment, and then to succeed such Discutients as will attenuate the tough pocky Slime, and rarify the astringent and coagulated Humours, to recover them to their usual Fluidity and Thinness, and chase away the wild lurking Maladies. To effect this is the Purpose of the Author's Specifick, as aided by the Method he prescribes, to which he refers the Patient in his printed Directions, seal'd up and given with it, together with proper Alteratives to assist in all three Degrees of this Distemper; where the certain Way of ordering, taking and helping this Specifick are written down at large, with much Facility and Plainness.

The Conclusion.

A Word more of the Author's Specifick. After I have told my Reader in what the Antivenereal Virtue of the Remedies recommended consists, he will, no doubt, be desirous, that I should satisfy him, how, and after what manner, they perform their Operation, which is done not by Salivation, than which a Patient very often would rather chuse Death, because it puts him to such Torments as are ten times beyond the Disease: No, these Remedies defeat, repel and expel their Enemy the Venereal Contagion, after the common ways that Nature makes use of to concoct Crudities, to drive them forth, and to expel 'em. Which way of operating implies plainly, that a Person may undergoe this Cure without being suspected, even by his most intimate

intimate Companion, any farther than to have some common Indisposition, or to take these Medicines by way of Preservation. Besides this, those that shall think fit to use this Specifick, will meet with a peculiar Advantage, namely, in not being frighted with a Cartload of Pills, Boluses and Electuaries, the Dose being but a Grain, and thus will not be difficult for any one to swallow it. But if the Objection should be rais'd: — Is it possible that one only Grain should miraculously have the Power of subduing Pounds of malignant Matter? In Answer to this I lay to my Reader's Consideration the many common Instances, that can give him a Notion of the Possibility and Probability of it. No body, I believe, is ignorant that one spoonful of Vinegar will sour and coagulate a whole Pail full of Milk; and on the contrary, that a small Quantity of Sugar, put into a large Quantity of Milk, will prevent such a Coagulation, and will cause a poor Milk-Woman to chern a whole Day, without getting so much as an Ounce of Butter. There you see how the lesser things can have a Power over the greater. In living Creatures we likewise observe very often, that the smaller get the Advantage over the bigger, by finding out the weak side of their Enemy: Thus a Wolf will kill a Horse, and a little Dog hold a Bear by the Ear, &c. Were I to set down here all the Experiments that can be brought in Proof of this, I should swell these few Leaves to the Bulk of a large Folio. But I will only content my self to advise my Reader to consider, that in Physick it is not the Quantity but the Quality that acts: Here you shall take a little piece of *Vitrum Antimonis*, supposing to weigh 3 Grains, (which Quantity, beat into Powder, makes but one good Vomit for a strong Man :) and put it into half a Pint of White-Wine, setting it into warm Ashes for 24 Hours, the White-
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Wine shall then have so much Virtue, as that two spoonfuls of it will be sufficient to vomit any body; and if you weigh your *Vitrum Antimonii*, you'll find the same 3 Grains which you had before, without any sensible Diminution either of its *Quantity* or *Virtue*; for if you put the same piece a hundred times into White-Wine, it will always give it an Emetick Virtue. Those Gentlemen that know any thing of Chymistry, cannot but be sensible that Copper may be bereav'd of its natural red by a *Vitrum* made for that Purpose, and that Sett of Particles to which the Copper owes its redness, when extracted by the *Vitrum*, may again be separated from it. Now take Notice of the Curiosity: This from the *Vitrum* separated Sett of Particles that gave the red to a hundred weight of Copper, amounts not quite to three Grains in weight; and these few Grains are again capable of giving to an hundred weight of white Copper its natural red again. I think here is enough to stop the Mouths of busy prattling Theoreticks, and to convince obstinate Scepticks, if they will but try these Experiments.

Hence I have that Confidence to those, that shall peruse this little Scheme with an Intention to inform themselves, rather than to find Fault with it, that they will never suffer the smallness of the Dose, which is made such for their Ease, to be an Object of their Diffidence to its Virtues, since every one that has experienc'd the Benefit of the Specifick, is very ready to annex his Testimony; of whom I have only subjoin'd those that have been cur'd of late, and been publish'd *before I took them in Hand*, which are as follows.

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FOR the entire Satisfaction of desponding Persons afflicted with the Secret and the most desperate Diseases. Several worthy Persons, lately most grievously tortur'd with the same, and almost miraculously cur'd by the surest Specifick in the World, are to be spoke with according to the Directions given at the Places of Sale hereafter mentioned: Moreover, to satisfy the Curious, convince the Obstinate, and baffle the Artifice of the Designing, whose peculiar Talent is to asperse and depreciate the Worth of the most inestimable Benefits in Others: Some Persons, among those who daily apply themselves to this Specifick for Relief, are to be seen before their Cure, notwithstanding the Invitation, their Aspects mayn't be altogether so attractive as to delight, when seen, or be a sufficient Motive to allure Persons to a second View: No, believe me, they are shocking, horrid Sights! Rotten Faces, and Bodies almost wholly so, make but a sorry Figure; and for these many Years past cou'd not be cur'd by all their Salivations: Yet the Author hopes you'll trudge a second time to enquire for *Temperance Atkins* at *John Atkins's* in *White Yard* in *Rosemary-Lane*; and *Mr. Godson* at *Mr. Darby's*, the third Door from the Crooked Billet in *Hoxton Town*, &c. whereby the Author's Integrity may meet with Applause, if any is due.

Justice demands, and Gratitude excites me to an Acknowledgment to the Author of the fam'd Specifick, whose Dose is but a Grain, which hath hitherto met with an uninterrupted, uncontestable Success; witness the many Advertisements in the *St. James's Evening-Post*, and others: Some whereof, even the most deplorable Objects, before they undertook their Cure, publish'd, for the entire Satisfaction of afflicted and desponding Persons; which Blessing was as happily as wonderfully effected by the said Specifick, the only one in the World for the Secret Disease, &c. and I have been remarkable not only for the Loss of my Nose, half part of my Face, Throat, Palate, Uvula, &c. but also

also rotten to my very Brains; insomuch, that twelve Years ago, after all Salivation, was given over by all in general as incurable: Therefore Persons (amongst which the Doctors and Surgeons) who saw me before I undertook my Cure, absolutely despairing of my finding Redress, averring the Cure would be worth 1000 *l.* may be satisfy'd that I'm perfectly cur'd, if they'll call at the third Door from the Crooked Billet in *Hodsdon* and enquire for *Daniel Godson*.

I *Anthony Tucker*, who was injur'd with the Secret Disease three Years ago, had in Process of time Ulcers in my Fundament, and an Excreescency as big as an Egg at the End of it, Inflammations and Swellings on the private Parts, Head and Body full of Nodes and Ulcers, with gnawing Pains, and the Corruption continually flowing backwards; I apply'd my self to several Physicians, and the ablest Surgeons, and some salivated, others made Incisions, but so far from doing good, that, on the contrary, I grew worse and worse, insomuch, that I was abandon'd by all at last, without any hope of Cure; and being directed to this Specifick (by a Friend that cur'd himself by it) which using but three times, I found my Body all over humid; the great Excreescency in two Days time fell off of it self; Pieces of corrupt Flesh came away by Stools, and my Head and Body heal'd up; so that in three Weeks I was perfectly cur'd, which I own to all the World. Enquire in *Cock's-head-court* in *Golden-lane*, near *Red-cross-street*, *Moorfields*, at *Mr. Plummer's* a Founder; who was cur'd of his Phthifick and Shortness of Breath by this Specifick, when he was no more able to stir about.

I *Peter Holshouson*, having had the Secret Disease for eight Years successively, was salivated several times, yet always broke out with more Violence, and at last to that Degree that rotten Bones came away; also my Throat, with all the Nerves, were clear to be seen: In fine, my Case was so desperate, that I was given over by all. At last I apply'd my self to a Specifick, advertised in the Weekly Prints, by which I found immediately Relief beyond Expression. The very first Dose
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infus'd a Moistness all over me during the Cure, working by Stool, and much by Urine; so that in a small time the violent Pain that seiz'd every Part, went off by Degrees: Now, I bless God, I find my self most wonderfully and perfectly cur'd without the least Sensation of Pain. Which can be attested by several of the Neighbours, and others. Therefore, in Gratitude to the Author of that great Specifick, and for the Publick Good, I will be seen for a Testimony. Enquire at the Shoe-makers, next Door but one to the Corner Shop in *Rider's-court* near *Leicester-fields*.

I Cannot forbear acquainting the Publick with a Cure, which justly may be call'd one of the first Rank, wrought upon me, who was given up by a great many Physicians, and declar'd incurable. I had a Distemper upon me which is call'd the White-Swellings, consisting of Tumors of different bigness, some as big as an Egg, some twice or thrice as big: These I had in great Numbers on my Hands, Arms, Feet, Thighs and Back, to that Degree that I was render'd a monstrous Object to People's Sight; my Eyes were ready to fester out of my Head, and the continual lingering Pains would not allow me Rest at Night; but now, God be thank'd, I am restor'd to a Miracle, and at this present find my self as well as ever I did in my Life. For all this I am indebted to the Author of the Grain Specifick. Whoever doubts of the Truth of this Advertisement, may be satisfy'd at Sir *Joseph Bagnel's*, at his Dwelling-house in *Prescot-street* in *Goodmans-fields*, where near thirty of my Fellow Servants, that knew me in that languishing Condition, are ready to attest it, together with me, *John Henry*.

I *W. Spring*, at the five Clogs in *Lemon-street*, over-against *Prescot-street* in *Goodmans-fields*; about two Months since advertis'd before my Cure was undertaken, (as several Persons of Credit had done before me) and publickly known as a horrid Spectacle, occasion'd by the Leprosy, which was inbred at my Birth above 33 years ago; and in which time a considerable Number of Physicians mist my Cure, am now cur'd by the

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Grain Specifick. This is advertis'd by way of Invitation to the great Number of Persons of both Sexes which saw me before the Cure was undertaken, as well as to satisfy others; and to inform the World, that another Author, disposing of Medicines at Mrs. *Garraways*, Mr. *Coopers*, at the Sign of the Necklace, &c. has seen me, to his great Amazement, who, before my Cure, mightily discourag'd me, and said he would rather give me a hundred Pound than be publish'd, &c. This is mention'd to prevent others being discourag'd for the future by such unfair Practices.

THis is to acquaint the Publick, that I, the Person who appear'd within these three Weeks in several Advertisements in the *St. James's Evening-Post*, &c. having been afflicted for near two years with a violent Rheumatism and ulcerous Breakings out, am now restor'd to perfect Health, the Pains being gone, and my Skin clear'd from all Ulcers and Pimples, which, next to God, I may thank the Author of the Royal Specifick. This, among other undeniable Testimonies, I hope, will be a Means to convince the World of the Honesty of this Physician, and the Goodness of his Medicines. Enquire for me at Mr. *Fraillon's* in *Monmouth-street Spittle-fields*, where I am ready to satisfy every body of this. *George Merit*. Note, Induc'd by the successful Cure of Mr. *Merit*, being likewise broke out to a strange Degree, and having, without Benefit, us'd a great many Medicines, am now resolv'd to trust my self under the Hands of the Author of the Grain Specifick. Enquire at Mr. *Scarbrough's* at the Sign of the Blacksmith's Arms in *Chick-lane, Smithfield*. *Robert Johnson*.

I *M. Hunt*, hereby testify, That I am cur'd almost to a Miracle after sixteen years intolerable restless Pains, (occasion'd by Legs even monstrous for their Thickness, and surprizing Holes in 'em, and oblig'd to go with Crutches,) by that fam'd Specifick (the Dose being but a Grain) for the Secret Disease, Evil, Gout, Rheumatism, &c. Whereas the Application of most noted Physicians, Surgeons, Salivations, (the Expences, modestly

modestly computed, amounting to 600*l*.) were ineffectual and useless. The frequent Advertisements of most amazing Cures being effected by the said Specifick, induc'd me to hope for Cure as others had done, and to publish my Case beforehand. Enquire at the Duke of Marlborough's Head in *Shoreditch*.

I *Jane Kemp* 8 Years old, testify, That having been injur'd with the Secret Disease by lying with our Maid, which broke out upon a sudden; wherefore my Parents made all the Application they could for my speedy Cure, but all to no purpose; till at last the Author of that Specifick, whose Dose is but a Grain, brought me to perfect Health again in 3 Weeks time: Of which Mr. *Read*, Printer of the *St. James's Evening-Post*, is an Eye-witness, and can best, if he will, do the Doctor Justice.

I *M. Vaughan*, Housekeeper for thirty Years past in *Mercer's-street*, over-against the Swan Brewhouse in *Long-Acre*, was so injur'd (by an infected Husband four Years ago) with the Secret Disease, when with Child, that not only my Body was overrun with Boils, Ulcers, Pocky Sores, &c. but also by Degrees my Womb, &c. so exulcerated, that the Corruption ever since flow'd backwards as well as forwards; besides more private and dreadful Symptoms not fit to be mention'd here. I apply'd my self, soon after the Injury receiv'd, to the most eminent Physicians, Dr. *Ratcliffe*, *Clarke*; and every one agreed a Salivation wou'd cure me; whereas I've since been nine times salivated, twice fomented, fourteen Weeks in *St. Thomas's-Hospital*, made use of a Specifick sold at Mr. *Cooper's* in the *Strand*, and at Mrs. *Carraways* at the *Royal Exchange*, and many famous Surgeons, and all to no purpose; every one fail'd, my Hopes defeated, and left by all (in such a deplorable Condition) as incurable: But since *November* last, several Advertisements being publish'd of astonishing Cures by a particular Specifick, wrought on Persons given over by all, with their Names and Places of Abode; my Friends enquiring at the Places, and finding it matter of Fact, got the said Specifick for me, whereby I

have been cur'd, almost to a Miracle. For the Truth of what is here alledg'd, you may know all the Physicians and Surgeons, who are, as likewise all the Neighbours, astonish'd at the Cure; and where any Person may be satisfy'd: And I'm ready at any time, as also my Friends both in City and Suburbs, to make Oath of the same.

THE many admirable Cures of that eminent Specifick for the Secret Disease, Evil, Gout, Rheumatism, &c. attested by sufficient daily Witnesses, even of the most deplorable Cases, whereof are daily Advertisements, encourag'd me, being afflicted with the Evil, to apply my self to the Author of the said Specifick, whereby I have found a perfect Cure; which I'm willing to testify to the Publick for their Good. Enquire for *Amalia Tinn*, at Mrs. *Mooths* over against the Stationers on *Hermitage-Bridge, Wapping*.

TO satisfy curious and desponding Persons, this Account is inserted of a compleat Cure of the Secret Disease, receiv'd from my Husband 4 Years ago, from whence proceeded an Exulceration of the Womb, an excessive gnawing Bone-Ach, and corrupted Nodes all over my Shins, with other dreadful Symptoms; which inexpressible Benefit (after several Salivations, &c. prov'd ineffectual and useless) was found by that fam'd Specifick for the Secret Disease, &c. The same cannot appear Imposture or Deceit even to the most obstinate and prejudic'd Person, when the Weekly Papers will testify the advertising my Case, with others, before the Cure was undertaken, especially those who call'd to see me after the same. Enquire for *Temperance Digby*, at the Cooks, the Corner of *Swan-yard* in *Shoreditch*.

IS with Pleasure I insert these Lines for the general Good, and to quit my self of a Duty Gratitude makes indispensable: I *Hannah James*, have receiv'd the Secret Disease from my Husband fifteen Months ago, whereby my Body, Joints, &c. grew full of Holes, my Head, Throat, &c. so excessively infected, creating restless Pains and Torments, that I was
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in the utmost Danger, without Expectation of Life, notwithstanding the Assistance of able Men; till about a Month since, making use of the only fam'd Specifick, the Dose being but a Grain, I have found a perfect Cure, advertising my self before engag'd in the same, as three more then did, that Persons might be satisfied of the inestimable Value of the said Specifick, which, by its uninterrupted Success, induces the Author to publish the most deplorable Objects beforehand. Enquire at Mr. Morell's in *White-Hind-Court* without *Bishopsgate*.

FOR the Good of the Publick I make this Declaration, That having had the Secret Disease six Years together, and arriv'd to the Height of Malignity, with violent gnawing Pains all over me, and Exulceration of the Womb, was forc'd a considerable Time to keep my Bed, and neither any of the Doctors or Surgeons I employ'd, could cure me, till kind Providence led me to a Specifick, (which, by the Attestation of all that ever us'd it, hath perform'd astonishing Cures,) whereby I found my self miraculously cur'd in a Fortnight's time. To be spoke with at Mr. Stapleton's Coal-Shop on *Puddle-Dock-Hill*. Witness, *M. Crawling*.

FOR the publick Good, I *M. Robinson* insert this Advertisement. Having been afflicted with various and strange Symptoms, and tortured with a Wry-Neck, for which all my Endeavours, and the Application of the best Physicians, Colleges and Surgeons, prov'd fruitless; and making use of the famous Specifick for the Secret Disease, Evil, Cancer, Rheumatism, Gout, &c. (its Dose being but a Grain) whereby the most desperate Ailments daily meet with Success, as I found upon Enquiry; I am, I bless God, one of those happy Persons that have been entirely cur'd by the same: For the Truth of which I'll satisfy all Enquirers, at my House over against the *Angel* and *Porter* in *Golden Lane*, going out of *Red-Cross-Street*, near *Cripplegate*.

HAVING advertis'd my self about a Month since in the *St. James's Evening-Post*, to let the Publick behold my dangerous Condition before I undertook my Cure, upon the admirable Success which attended Mr.

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Daniel Godson, and *Mrs. Jane Kemp*, who also publish'd themselves in the said Paper. I, *Christopher Fowler*, again appear in Print, to do Justice to the Author, and encourage the Afflicted (especially those Gentlemen which came to see me) to redress their Grievances, by informing them of my safe and amazing Cure by that excellent Specifick, (the only one in the World for the Secret Disease, &c.) *Mrs. Mary Hammersmith*, encourag'd by the aforesaid Testimonies, altho' unwilling to publish before her Cure, readily acquiesces to satisfy the World of her complete and expeditious Cure. Enquire of *Mr. Pratt's*, a Cane-shop, at the *Angel* in *Cornhill*.

I *Elizabeth Stevens* appear again in print, to testify my being perfectly cur'd of the Secret Disease by that Specifick, whose Dose is but a Grain, (sold at the following Places) whereby Cures are daily perform'd upon the most despicable Objects, and which have been given over by others for several Years, as I found upon Enquiry. And for a general Satisfaction, the Author publishes the worst of Cases before the Cure is undertaken. Enquire for me at *Mr. Allen's*, over against the *Blue Ball* in *Baldwin's Gardens*.

TIS worthy Observation, the many glorious and wonderful Cures of the most desperate Diseases, with uninterrupted Success, perfected by that eminent Physician, the Author of the Only Specifick for the Secret Disease, Evil, &c. The Many Publications of others, before they undertook their Cure, alarm'd me as much as the Advertisements of their being completely cur'd pleas'd me; and animated thereby, (a drowning Man naturally catching at any thing to save him,) notwithstanding all human Endeavours seem'd ineffectual; having before apply'd my self to noted Physicians, &c. besides several times salivated, and using Baths and Bagnio's, and all to no purpose, I took the said Medicine, whereby I am restor'd to my Health and Ease. I will satisfy both High and Low of the said Cure. Enquire of *Mr. Moss*, in *Malaga Court*, in *Nightingale Lane*, *Wapping*.

I Testify, that having been afflicted with the Secret Disease after the most grievous Nature, too dreadful to relate here; and of such Continuance, that I spent all my Substance under the utmost Fatigue and Hazard, thro' the Pretensions of several who undertook the Cure, which altogether proved groundless: I address'd my self to the Author of the Grain Specifick, which, in my Opinion, is the best in Being; whereby most wonderful Cures have been wrought, by the Testimony of those who lately advertis'd themselves in *St. James's Evening-Post*, &c. for the Benefit of other unfortunate Persons, as I have now done, who am perfectly cur'd by the same. For the Truth of what is here asserted, *Mr. Read*, Printer of the said Paper, in *Fleetstreet*, can make Affidavit of the same. *M. Caldor.*

I *H. von Bernau* came out of *Flanders* to be cur'd by the Royal Specifick for the Secret Disease, Gout, Rheumatism, &c. its Dose being but a Grain; being thereunto encourag'd by Letters from my Friend in Town, wherein were inserted the weekly Advertisements of glorious Cures; and what was more remarkable, of those who advertis'd, as being deplorable Objects, to be seen before Cure was undertaken; whereupon finding it Fact, applied my self to the Author, in Confidence of Success; (altho' I had been grievously tortur'd for 9 Years with Ulcers and Excrescencies in the Neck of the Bladder, &c. carious Bones, with an Excrecency in my Fundament larger than ever the Surgeons saw, for which all their Incisions, Burnings, &c. besides 5 high Salivations, were to no purpose,) and in 6 Weeks time have been cur'd by the said Specifick. Enquire at *Mr. Butler's, Sword-Cutler*, in *Spring-Garden*.

THis is to give Notice to the Publick, that I *Robert Johnson*, who did some Months ago appear in publick Advertisements under these Circumstances, viz. That my Face and Forehead was red like a Fire-Mole, and that on the same were broken out Pustules, occasion'd by immoderate Use of Venery, am now entirely freed from any thing of Infection; my Face being clear and clean. And this is, next to God, owing to the Author

thor of the *Filum Ariadneum*, who, after I had 4 Years in vain us'd the Advice of Physicians and Surgeons, at last cur'd me with all the Ease imaginable. Whoever saw me before, may hear from me again at these Places where the Specifick is sold.

I Henry Haily living at the *Cheshire Cheese* in *Vine-street*, *Bloomsbury*, return hereby publick Thanks to the Author of the *Filum Ariadneum*, for rescuing my Wife from the greatest Misery that can attend any Person: This poor Woman has had for these 18 years a salt Humour in her Leg, by which were occasion'd very large and deep Holes, penetrating to the very Bone: For the Cure of which I have, without Success, spent a great deal of Money; till at last meeting with this honest Gentleman, my Wife is perfectly cur'd, and any body that cares may see her.

The Places of Sale are these.

Mr. Du Bec a Toyshop, at the Ship over against the *Royal-Exchange*, *Cornhill*: At Mr. Isled's, a Bookseller at the *Golden-Ball* against *St. Dunstan's Church*, *Fleet-street*; and at Mr. Brown's, Pictureshop, over against the Entry of the Park in *Spring-Garden*.

Any Person that has been tamper'd with by many, which have almost bereav'd him of all Hopes, may, if he require it, have an Opportunity of speaking with the Doctor, if he leaves at the aforesaid Places a seal'd Letter to the Author, appointing therein a Place of Meeting.

The Doctor has for many years undertaken with great Success the most desperate Cases, and such as have been given up by the most eminent Physicians, and undertakes them still; not only such as regard the Secret Disease, but of all kinds whatsoever, whether internal or external, of which he can satisfy any one that cares to apply to him, and shew them for their Conviction the Objects of his Success.



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